

R E V I E W.

Saturday, August 16. 1712.

NEVER was a War in the World, in which the Blood of Men was spilt to less purpose—What are the *French* now doing? They are Attacking *Doway*, says the News, and pouring in their Men upon the Fire of a Hundred Guns, running the poor Wretches upon Death and visible Destruction, and what is this for? What if the *French* were now at the Gates of *Amsterdamp*, nay, I had almost said of *Amsterdam*?—What would be the Consequence, but a New Grand Alliance, a New War to reduce them again, and which they know must reduce them; *Great Britain* must take up the Sword again; the War must begin again, *France* is Reduced; not only to a Peace, but even to the same Peace now offer'd; and therefore if the *French* have any Eyes to their own Interest, no Successes he can have, will lessen his Proposals of Peace; or as I said before, the Consequences of *French* Successes will Involve us again by meer Necessity, in a War against *France*, as the Consequences of *Dutch* Successes would have done against *Holland*.

Nor will the Passion some People may have for a *French* Interest, alter the Case; *Great Britain* can have no Rational View as we are now Circumstanc'd, out a Peace; and, in short, since we have drawn out of the War ourselves, we must put an End to the War on one side or another, or we are undone.

To talk of the Parties fighting on, and we to stand Neuter, is to suppose either of the Contending Parties may Conquer and Ruin the other, and that whether we will or no, and yet we be safe, which is as true, as that when the Wolves had Conquer'd the Dogs, the Sheep should be safe; for let which Side so ever Conquer by Force of Arms, they would be Wolves to Us, and we should be but Sheep to them.

So that we are under an Absolute Necessity of preventing Conquest, let it be on which Side soever; in vain the *French* Conquer, they must refund all again, fly in the Face of the Queen, and unravel all they have done; in vain the Confederates carry on a Separate War, they must hearken to Reasonable Conditions, or they Arm against us of meer Consequence, and the Reason in both is this, because, by thus having drawn out of the War, if we do not, as I said above, bring all the rest to lay down their Arms, we are Undone.

I do not enquire why we have drawn out of the War, or whether we have done well or ill in it; I thank God that is none of my Province; but since we

have brought Things to this Circumstance, you may like it or dislike it as you please, but leave Time to decide the Controversie, this must and will be the Case.

I have been used to Opposition, as Parties heave and thrust in this Case, but thus I always told you of the PARTITION, viz. That no Peace could ever be made without it; That this War could never end in any Thing else but in a Partition, and I have liv'd to see those who laugh'd at that Suggestion, come in to it with great Willingness; and even the *DUTCH* themselves have form'd their New Plan upon that Foundation: I doubt not but I shall have the same Satisfaction as hot as you now are, in the Arguments I have laid down, about *Britain* standing Neuter in this War.

What strange Contradicting Nonsense then, are the Politicks of this Age founded upon! would our wise Coffee-House States-Men suffer a little Rebuke in their Magisterial Methods of settling the World; would they but Examine their own Management, and the View they seem to act upon, one side as well as the other, *Tory* as well as *Whig*, and *Whig* as well as *Tory*; would they bring their Judicious Politicks Impartially to the Test, they would find such Wise Consistencies as these among them.—

The Patriots of a Peace, rejoyce at the Successes of the *French*, over the Confederates, tho' they know those Successes, unless they pretend to be able so farce *France* to restore all again, must renew the War.

The Friends to the Dutch rejoyce at the Prospects of their carrying on a Separate War, tho' they cannot deny it must end in bringing us into a Quarrel with them.

The Friends to the Pretender are for *French* Victories over the *Dutch*, tho' they know it must renew a *French* War, which is entirely Ruinous to his Interest.

The Friends to the Protestant Succession, are for having a War go on, that will certainly Embroil us with our Protestant Allies, on a Union with whom the Safety of the Protestant Succession so much depends.

Those who have all along alledg'd our Inability to carry on the War, our Exhausted Funds and immense Debts, now cry up the Necessity and Advantages of a War with the *Dutch*.

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Those who have all along said we are able to carry on the War against *France*, seven Year longer without any Difficulty, are loudest now in Representing our Danger of being Ruin'd by a War With the *Dutch*.

The Dutch, who in their late Memorial, and all along said, they had Exerted themselves throughout this War to the Utmost of their Power, are now said to be able to carry on the War without us.

The British, who the same Memorial says, are by far more Powerful than the States, are now talk'd down to no signification, not able to prevent the *Dutch* carrying on the Separate War, and not able to restrain the *French*, if Victorious, from Ruining the *Dutch*.

The Patriots of a Landed Interest, who esteem the Growth of Trade Dangerous to our Liberties, and are on all Occasions for Loading and Discouraging Trade, as an Encroachment upon the Gentlemen, those in all places applaud the Publick Service and National Advantage of the *South-Sea Company*.

The Patriots of Trade, who esteem our Commerce the Strength of our Nation, who think on all occasions Trade ought to be Encreas'd and Encouraged were the great Opposers and Enemies to Erecting the *South-Sea Company*.

The Monied Men who Rail'd at the Changes of the Ministry, and Threatened the Publick Credit, pour'd in their Money into the Funds, and thereby uphold that Publick Credit, by which alone the Ministry are supported.

The Landed Men, who applaud the Changes of the Ministry, and call themselves it's Principal support, Rail at the publick Credit as useless, tho' by that alone the Government and Ministry are, and have been Supported.

The Whigs Banter and Ridicule the *South-Sea Company*, and yet BUY up the Stock.

The Tories Banter and Ridicule the Bank of *England*, and yet sell their Land to put the Money into the Bank.

The Low-Church to support their Interest, sell the *Dissenters*, who have always Supported them, (*Low-Church*) to the *High-Church*, who have always design'd to destroy them both.

The High Church, to support their Interest, join with *Papery* and *Jacobitism*, tho' they know that *Jacobitism* ever did, and ever will design their Destruction.

The Dissenters cleave to *Low Church*, who have given them up to their Enemies, the *High Church*.

The High Church join with *Jacobites*, who have formerly given them up to their Enemies, the *Papists*.

In short, the whole Schemes of this Ages Politicks are founded upon Contradictions, and as for Temper, Charity, Passion, and the like, Men act, generally speaking, upon that Principle that he acted upon, who finding his Enemy in the Forecastle of the Ship, and himself in the Stern, sunk the Ship and himself, only for the Satisfaction of seeing his Enemy drown'd before him.

There are a Multitude of Inconsistencies in our neral Conduct, besides these, which are too many to insist upon here, and which Time and Experience will explain to us, perhaps too late; such as,

1. Breaking the Union to Establish the Glory of the Government.
2. Erecting a Toleration in Scotland, for those who will not accept of it.
3. Encouraging *Jacobitism* there, for the Safety of the Queen's Interest.
4. Discouraging the *Presbyterians* in Scotland for the Queen's Safety, because they are the only Friends Her Majesty has in that part of her Kingdom.
5. Charging these Things upon the Ministry, which they know they have done without the Consent.
6. Erecting *Jacobitism* by the Medium of the Queen's Interest.
7. Expecting the Pretender to be Crown'd by the Queen, tho' she must depose herself to do it.
8. Endeavouring to Separate the Interest of the Protestant Successor from the Queen's Interest, tho' upon the Union of those Interests, both their Safeties depend.
9. Desiring the Queen should Declare for the Pretender coming after her, tho' by it, her Majesty must first acknowledge herself AN USURPER, and Secondly, sign a Commission for her own assassination, by setting up a Party which she knows have not Patience to wait the course of Nature, and whose Affairs will not bear so long a Delay.

What an Age of Contradiction and Inconsistency we live in! and what is it that must bring us to the Use of our Reason?— If these Things can exist without Blood, or without Heaven Interposing, I have some Dreadful and Remarkable Judgment, which may awaken us all, then, I say, God will not allow us according to the usual Methods of his Providence, but will work some Wonder, something Miraculous to save us, which I am sure we have no Reason to expect.

If these Things, join'd to the general Opinion of the Physicians, make sober People expect a general Visitation, I shall be none of those who think the Fears ill Grounded, tho' I am not willing to Encrease them.

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No 1. in the Introduction Col. 1. Line 22. for *is r. are*; pag. 2. col. 1. l. 2. for *among* r. *from among us*; col. 2. lin. 32. for *and r. or*; ibid. last line but one, for *Thing r. Things*.

REVIEW N° 2. pag. 3. col. 2. l. 26. for *Dominions*, r. *Dominion*; pag. 4. col. 2. l. 14. after *them*, for (,) place (i)

REVIEW N° 3! pag. 5. l. 7. for 70000, 7000; col. 2. l. 25. for *come*, r. *came*; pag. 6. col. 1. l. 15. for *so forward*, r. *so between those TWO WALLS forward*; ib. l. 10. after *Walls* del. (i) ib. l. 26. for *stronger*, r. *and why stronger*; ib. col. 2. l. 40. for *resolve*, r. *resolves*; ib. l. 48. for *is*, r. *are*.